

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the cases of supply of spurious seeds in this Farm was detected;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government have taken any action in this regard; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) to (f) Government have recently received a complaint from District Agricultural Workers Union (DAWU), Central State Farm, Hissar, alleging sale of spurious seed with trade mark of State Farms Corporation of India by some of the employees. The complaint is not about supply of spurious seed in the Farm. Government have taken a decision to hold an enquiry into the matter.

#### Performance of Agriculture Extension Scheme in Bihar

1021. SHRI RAMASHRAYA PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any request/suggestion/complaints from the State Governments for the introduction of Agriculture Extension Scheme in the country during the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of coverage made under the said scheme during the plan period, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) Request/suggestion received from the State Governments from time to time have been taken into consideration while formulating and implementing Agriculture extension Schemes during Eighth Five Year Plan Period.

(b) The details of Extension Schemes and their coverage State-wise are given in the *Statement* attached.

#### Statement

##### Details of Extension Schemes and Their Coverage, State-wise During VIII Plan

S. No.	Name of the scheme	State covered	Remarks
1	2	3	4
1.	National Agricultural Extension Project (NAEP)-I	Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan	The project closed in March, 1993.
2.	National Agricultural Extension Project (NAEP)-II	Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Jammu & Kashmir	The Project closed in March, 1993.
3.	National Agricultural Extension Project (NAEP)-III	Assam, Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab	The Project closed in March, '95.
4.	Establishment of Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs)	Himachal Pradesh (5), Jammu & Kashmir (2), Punjab (3), Haryana (2), Delhi (1), West Bengal (2), Bihar (7), Assam (3), Mizoram (1), Uttar Pradesh (5), Andhra Pradesh (3), Maharashtra (11), Gujarat (2), Rajasthan (3), Madhya Pradesh (7), Orissa (3), Karnataka (5), Kerala (3), Lakshadweep (1), Tamilnadu (8), Pondicherry (1).	A total of 78 KVKs established during VIII Plan.
5.	Involvement of Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs) in Extension	Andhra Pradesh (2), Bihar (2), West Bengal (2), Uttar Pradesh (2), Madhya Pradesh (2), Karnataka (2), Manipur (1), and Tripura (1).	A total of 14 NGOs are involved in the Scheme on pilot basis.

1	2	3	4
6.	Women in Agriculture	Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, Maharashtra, Kerala	The scheme is being implemented on pilot basis (one distt. in each state).
7.	Farmer-Scientist interaction Scheme on Agro-Climatic Zone basis	Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal.	The scheme is being implemented in 17 States.

### **Tribal Freedom Fighters**

1022. KUMARI FRIDA TOPNO : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the nation is celebrating 50 years of Independence during 1997-98;

(b) whether the Government propose to bring to the limelight the tribal freedom fighters during this 50th year of celebration of independence;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

### **Assistance to Consumer Courts**

1023. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount given from the Consumer Welfare Fund to the Consumer Courts during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the amount out of the said fund released to Karnataka during 1996-97;

(c) whether the amount given to various States have been fully utilised;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the action taken against the faulty organisations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUVANS PRASAD SINGH) : (a) Consumer Welfare Fund Rules do not provide for giving assistance to consumer courts.

(b) to (e) In view of above, question do not arise.

[Translation]

### **Gir Forests**

1024. SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT :  
SHRI LAKSHMAN SINGH :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of lions inhabiting in the Gir forests of Gujarat at present;

(b) the details of progress achieved in the number of lions during the last ten years;

(c) whether the Government have formulated any scheme to increase progeny of these lions;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government propose to shift some of the lions from there to the Pulpurkono Sanctuary of Murena district in Madhya Pradesh; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) : (a) According to the last census conducted by the Govt. of Gujarat in May 1995, there are 304 lions in the Gir Forests and adjoining areas.